

- (2) ~~The county Department of Social Services is taking action to protect the welfare of the juvenile and what specific action it is taking.~~

~~The notification~~ The second notification shall include notice that, if the person making the report is not satisfied with the Director's decision, he may request review of the decision by the prosecutor within five working days of receipt. The person making the report may waive his right to this notification and no notification is required if the person making the report does not identify himself to the Director."

Sec. 6. G.S. 7A-544.1(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) For purposes of this section, obstruction of or interference with an investigation means refusing to disclose the whereabouts of the juvenile, refusing to allow the director to have personal access to the juvenile, refusing to allow the director to observe or interview the juvenile in private, refusing to allow the Director access to confidential information and records upon request pursuant to G.S. 7A-544, refusing to allow the director to arrange for an evaluation of the juvenile by a physician or other expert, or other conduct that makes it impossible for the director to carry out ~~his~~ the duty to investigate."

Sec. 7. G.S. 7A-547 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-547. *Review by prosecutor.*

The prosecutor shall review the Director's determination that a petition should not be filed within 20 days after the person making the report is notified. The review shall include conferences with the person making the report, the protective services worker, the juvenile, if practicable, and other persons known to have pertinent information about the juvenile or ~~his~~ the juvenile's family. At the conclusion of the conferences, the prosecutor may affirm the decision made by the ~~Director~~ Director, may request the appropriate local law enforcement agency to investigate the allegations, or may authorize the filing of direct the Director to file a petition."

Sec. 8. G.S. 7A-548 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-548. *Duty of Director to report evidence of abuse, neglect; investigation by local law enforcement; notification of Department of Human Resources and State Bureau of Investigation.*

(a) If the Director finds evidence that a juvenile ~~has~~ may have been abused as defined by G.S. 7A-517(1), ~~he~~ the Director shall ~~immediately~~ make a an immediate oral and subsequent written report of the findings of his investigation to the district attorney, ~~who shall determine if criminal prosecution is appropriate, and who may request the Director or his designee to appear before a magistrate, attorney or the district attorney's designee and the appropriate local law enforcement agency within 48 hours after receipt of the report. The~~